

**Remarks**

This Preliminary Amendment has revised claim dependency and made a claim cancellation so that all of the remaining claims are in proper format for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE****In The Claims:**

11. (Amended) A load transfer device as claimed in claim 9 [or claim 10] wherein said movable link is movable relative to said first attachment member between a first position in which said inverted semi-circular notch is in alignment with said connecting eye, and a second position in which the upper periphery of its inverted semi-circular notch obstructs the connecting eye.

12. (Amended) A load transfer device as claimed in [any one of] claim[s] 2 [to 11] further comprising a second attachment member overlying the movable link assembly on the other side thereof from said first attachment member, said second attachment member having a connecting eye in alignment with the connecting eye of said first attachment member.

14. (Amended) A load transfer device as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1 wherein the rotary members are in the form of wheels having a plurality of petals projecting radially from their hubs.

16. (Amended) A load transfer device as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1 wherein the rotary members are provided with a formation on the respective surfaces thereof facing the slipper member, for co-operation with a complementary formation on the slipper member.

18. (Amended) A load transfer device as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1 wherein one or more rollers are incorporated in the slipper member to ease passage of the device along the elongate support element in normal use.